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## Attorney General, AARP Arizona to host “Drive-thru” Shred-a-Thon

(Phoenix, Ariz. – April 17, 2006) – As tax season comes to a close, now is a good time to take stock of the personal information documents you have around your house and shred them! Attorney General Terry Goddard and AARP are encouraging consumers to join them for a Shred-a-Thon to help prevent identity theft. The Attorney General and AARP Arizona will host a “drive-thru” Shred-a-Thon in Sun City on Friday, April 21 beginning at 11 a.m. Goddard will join the event at 11:30 a.m. The event will be held at the Ventana Property Owners Association Yacht Club located at 20015 N. 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

People are encouraged to drive by and shred bills and tax returns that are older than seven years, medical records and other documents containing personal identifying information. The Arizona Center for the Blind Document Destruction is donating the use of a large shredding truck.

“Old documents, bills and tax forms are gold mines for ID thieves,” said Attorney General Terry Goddard. “Shredding is a great way to protect yourself from becoming a victim.”

“AARP Arizona and the Attorney General’s Office have been working closely together to increase awareness of ID theft and the importance of shredding personal information,” said Cynthia Fagyas, Communications Director for AARP Arizona.

The Attorney General’s Fraud Fighter Van and Community Services staff will be at the Ventana Property Owners Association Yacht Club on April 21 with consumer information. The Attorney General’s Community Services Program includes satellite offices throughout Arizona. West Valley residents interested in more information about consumer protection and civil rights can visit one of two Sun City area Satellite Offices at 10600 W. Peoria Avenue (Sun City) and 13815 Camino del Sol (Sun City West). Please visit the Attorney General’s Web site at [www.azag.gov](http://www.azag.gov) for other office locations and hours of operation.

The Shred-a-Thon is free and open to the public.

### Event Information:

<b>Event:</b>	Attorney General’s Office/AARP “Drive-thru” Shred-a-Thon
<b>When:</b>	Friday, April 21
<b>Time:</b>	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
<b>Where:</b>	Ventana Lakes Property Owners Association Yacht Club 20015 N. 108 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Sun City, Arizona

If you have questions about this event or other consumer issues, please call (602) 542-2123.